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Serial No. 10803,231
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : S. YAMANAKA et al
Serial No. : 10/803,231
Filed : March 17, 2004
For : HOLLOW STEPPED SHAFT AND
METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME
Art Unit : 3725
Examiner : BONK, TERESA
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
February 8, 2006, the term for response to which expires on
March 8, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-5, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants also elect Species 1, Embodiment shown in
Figs. 1-7 and 21-23, without traverse.